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Wynne's Story: Moscow To Print Its Version

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MOSCOW, Saturday. QUSSIAN official circles in view of the publication of Mr. Greville Wynne's memoirs in The Sunday Tele-2 GRAPH [See Pp. 4 and 5] will publish their version of the story later next week.

According to the Russians there was an agreement between the relevant authorities on both sides that no further revelations were to be made. But they say that Mr. Wynne's statement has released them from their side of the bargain.

They will therefore publish material which they obtained during the investigations of the Wynne affair in the Government newspaper Izvestia, starting about the middle of next week. This is said "to compromise the whole English side as well as Mr. Wynne himself."

Mr. Wynne was arrested in Budapest in 1962 and in Moscow in 1963 he was convicted of espionage in collaboration with Oleg Penkovsky, a senior Russian official. Later Mr. Wynne was released in exchange for the Soviet spy known as Gordon Lonsdale.

No resentment

Russian officials do not appear to resent the publication of Mr. Wynne's memoirs in THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH. On the contrary, they seem rather pleased to be given the chance to put their side of the story.

Throughout the affair the policy of the Russians has been less tool of British and American intelligence. It is to be expected that they will continue this policy in the forthcoming articles.

These will be designed for two purposes. The first will be to dissuade the Russian people from any dangerous contacts with Western representatives and from thinking that by helping Western diplomats to procure information they can fiee to the West. to the West.

The second will be to cast ridicule on the operations of the cintelligence services of arrivain and the United States.

Agreement' not accepted

OUR DIPLOMATIC STAFF wites: It is understood that the British authorities do not accept that there was any agreement with the Russians that Mr. Wynne should not publish his story of his experiences in Russia.

So far as the British authorities were concerned, he was free to act as he wished as soon as he returned to this country after his elcase in April.

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